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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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In response to the Official Action dated June 30, 2009, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on September 30, 2009, the period for reply being extended to expire on October 30, 2009 by the accompanying one-month Request for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks. However, if any additional extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this document.